UNIMAGINABLE

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FADE IN:

EXT. FARMHOUSE - DAY

CELESTE, 11, studies an ant through her magnifying glass.

SARA

You're so small, and yet so big.

INT. FARMHOUSE - DAY

JIM, 30's, sits at the living room table thumbing through a pile of bills while SARA, 30's makes sandwiches.

JIM

Too much money going out and not enough coming in.

SARA

God will provide. He always does.

She sets a sandwich on a plate in front of him.

SARA

Now eat and stop being such a worry-wart.

JIM

That's your answer for everything.

SARA

Eating?

JIM

God.

SARA

Man shall not live by bread alone.

JIM

That's good to know. 'Cuz at the rate I'm going we won't be able to afford to buy bread if this recession keeps up much longer.

SARA

Have faith.

JIM

I'd rather have cold hard cash.

EXT. FARMHOUSE - DAY

Sara steps out the door.

SARA

Celeste, come eat.

Celeste comes running.

SARA

Wash your hands.

CELESTE

My hands are clean. It's my feet that are dirty.

CELESTE

Don't sass me.

Sara playfully swats her on the butt as she runs in.

Celeste laughs.

INT. FARMHOUSE - DAY

Jim, Sara and Celeste sit at the living room table, eating.

CELESTE

Mom?

Sara looks at her.

CELESTE

Are giants real?

SARA

Giants?

CELESTE

You know, like David and Goliath.

SARA

Well, there's professional basketball players that are seven feet tall. I suppose they'd be considered giants.

CELESTE

But according to Pastor Peterson Goliath was twelve feet tall. That's humongous.

Sara laughs.

SARA

That's pretty big.

JIM

Celeste, there's no such thing as giants. And not everything Pastor Peterson says is true.

CELESTE

He believes in the Bible and so do I.

SARA

Atta girl.

JIM

So you believe a big fish swallowed some guy named Jonah and then spit him out on a beach?

CELESTE

Yep.

JIM

Great. I've got a bridge over the swamplands I'd like to sell you.

Sara shoots him a stern look.

SARA

Jim.

JIM

Well, it's true Sara. He's a crazy preacher who likes to tell tall tales, no pun intended. Not to mention he drinks like a fish.

SARA

He's been sober for almost nine months. And you'd know that if you actually attended church with us.

JIM

Be that as it may, I don't like her hanging around him so much.

(hushed)

He puts weird ideas into her head.

SARA

(hushed)

She doesn't have many friends.

CELESTE

I can hear you.

A long pause as they eat. Then...

CELESTE

What about aliens?

Jim throws up his hands. Glares at Sara.

JIM

I rest my case.

Sara laughs and shrugs.

CELESTE

How much are you selling that bridge for?

Sara laughs.

INT. CELESTE'S BEDROOM - NIGHT

Sara and Celeste kneel by the bed, eyes closed, hands folded.

CELESTE

And if I die before I wake I pray the Lord my soul to take.

SARA

Amen.

Celeste hops in bed.

SARA

I love you.

CELESTE

Love you, too.

Sara kisses her on the forehead.

CELESTE

Mom, when we die is Jesus gonna take us to Heaven?

SARA

Of course he is.

CELESTE

What about dad?

SARA

Why do you ask?

CELESTE

Pastor Peterson said if somebody doesn't believe in Jesus, when they die they go to hell.

SARA

Don't worry, Celeste. The good Lord knows how to save those who are weak in faith. Now go to sleep.

EXT. FARMHOUSE - NIGHT

All lights are off.

INT. CELESTE'S BEDROOM - NIGHT

Celeste sits up in a cold sweat.

CELESTE

No Jesus. Not yet.

She goes to the window and looks out.

Her eyes widen, mouth agape.

INT. JIM & SARA'S BEDROOM - NIGHT

Celeste runs in.

CELESTE

Mom, dad?

Jim and Sara awaken.

SARA

What is it, honey?

CELESTE

There's a giant outside.

JIM

This is exactly what I was afraid of. Peterson's horror stories are giving her nightmares.

CELESTE

It wasn't a nightmare. There
really is a --

There's the sound of a CRASH outside. Jim hops out of bed, opens a nightstand and pulls out a handgun.

JIM

Stay here.

INT. LIVING ROOM

Jim runs out the door. Sara and Celeste wait in the b.g.

Moments later...

JIM (O.S.)

Hey!

There's the sound of several GUNSHOTS, Jim's SCREAM, then silence.

SARA

Jim!

Sara looks out the door, then turns to Celeste.

SARA

Honey, listen to me. I want you to go out the back door and run to Pastor Peterson's house.

Sara kneels down and looks her in the eyes.

SARA

And no matter what, don't look back. Do you understand?

CELESTE

But, mom --

SARA

Do you understand!?

CELESTE

Yes.

Sara hugs her. Tears in her eyes.

SARA

I love you.

EXT. WOODS - NIGHT

Celeste runs full speed. Sobbing. Terrified.

EXT. FARMHOUSE - NIGHT

Sara stands in the yard shining a flashlight.

SARA

(mutters)

The Lord is my shepherd I shall not want. He leadeth me beside still waters --

Her eyes widen with horror. She looks upward.

Whatever she's looking at is at least twenty feet tall.

There's the sound of a GROWL.

SARA

Dear Jesus.

EXT. WOODS - NIGHT

Celeste stops at the sound of Sara's blood-curdling SCREAM.

She turns and continues to run.

CUT TO BLACK:

SUPER: 26 minutes earlier.

FADE IN:

EXT. COUNTRY - NIGHT

A lone warehouse surrounded by a chain link fence and a sign that reads, "Restricted Access - Government Personnel Only".

INT. WAREHOUSE - NIGHT

Two SCIENTISTS in white lab coats, stand in a large room looking upward.

The sound of heavy beast-like BREATHING and SNORING can be heard from something off screen.

SCIENTIST 1

Say hello to Project Rex. It's amazing what you get when you cross the DNA of a tyrannosaurus with a human embryo.

SCIENTIST 2

Are you sure those chains will hold it?

SCIENTIST 1

Are you kidding. A team of wild horses couldn't break those chains.

Scientist 1, laughs.

FADE OUT: